

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 MCE-00 PM-05 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15  
CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 L-03 ACDA-12 /063 W  
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R 250810Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5873  
INFO SECDEF WASH DC

S E C R E T AMMAN 3733

FOR SECDEF, ASD: ISA

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, JO  
SUBJECT: JORDANIAN TANKS

REF A. STATE 092628

B. AMMAN 3033

1. APPRECIATE DEPT'S ANSWERS ON JORDANIAN RQST FOR P&B  
DATA ON M48A5 & M60A1 TANKS.

2. ESSENTIALLY, REF A PERMITS US ONLY TO TELL GOJ THAT  
M48 HULLS NOT AVAILABLE IN US INVENTORY FOR CONVERSION, AND  
THAT THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TIME REMAINING BEFORE M60A1  
GOES OUT OF PRODUCTION. BELIEVE EMBASSY MAY BE EMBARRASSED IF  
THIS IS ALL WE CAN SAY. FOR EXAMPLE, JORDANIANS CLAIM THAT  
US PRODUCING M48A5'S FOR ISRAEL, AND THAT GOI RECENTLY CANCELLED  
AN ORDER FOR MORE THAN 100 M60A1 TANKS. EMBASSY HAS REASON  
TO BELIEVE US MAY BE PROVIDING M48A5'S TO KOREA. THUS IT WOULD  
BE HTO9UL IF EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE FULLER EXPLANATION AND  
THEREBY SOFTEN OUR "NO". OF PARTICULAR USE WOULD BE  
RELEASABILITY OF "FYI" INFO IN PARA 5, REF A, THAT  
JCS STUDY CONCLUDES THAT CENTURION UPGRADING IS CHEAPER THAN  
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BUYING NEW TANKS. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE MAIN POINTS OF  
STUDY WHICH LED TO THIS CONCLUSION FOR FULLER EXPLANATION TO GOJ.

2. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. FULLER EXPLANATION, RELEASABLE TO GOJ, OF WHY WE DECLINE  
TO RELEASE P&B DATA ON EITHER M48A5 OR M60A1 TANKS.

B. PERMISSION TO RELEASE INFO IN PARA 5, REF A, TO GOJ,  
TOGETHER WITH MAIN POINTS OF STUDY.  
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## Message Attributes

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